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SUBJECT: VISIT OF ZAMBIAN FONMIN TO MALAWI

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1. ZAMBIAN FONMIN VERNON MWAANGA DESCRIBED TO AMBASSADOR HIS RECENT VISIT TO MALAWI AND TWO-HOUR LONG TALK HE HAD THERE WITH PRESIDENT BANDA AS "GOOD WILL MISSION" MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE. TALK WAS FOLLOW-ON TO EARLIER MEETING WHICH MWAANGA (PRESUMABLY AS PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE WHILE TIMES EDITOR) HAD WITH MALAWI PRESIDENT. SAID WAS PLEASED WITH WARM, DEVELOPING FRIENDSHIP RESULTING FROM GRZ EFFORTS TO BUILD CLOSER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOM.

2. MALAWI'S DIALOGUE WITH SAG WAS NEITHER AN ISSUE NOR DISCUSSED, AS GRZ REGARDS MALAWI'S FOREIGN POLICY AS "ITS OWN BUSINESS" ON WHICH ZAMBIA HAS NO INTENTION OF COMMENTING, USING, OR INTERFERING WITH, ACCORDING TO MWAANGA.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION WITH MALAWI HICOM
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(MKONA) HE PUZZLED AS WAS MWAANGA THAT SUCH SPECIFICS AS FREEDOM

FIGHTER ACTIVITY OR ROAD SHIPMENT SUGGESTED AS TOPICS.
CONFIRMED GOOD WILL, LOFTIER NATURE OF MISSION, ADDING
INTERESTING REFINEMENT THAT MALAWI SEEKING TO IMPROVE
ITS RELATIONS WITH BOTH ZAMBIA AND TANZANIA, WITH
ZAMBIA LENDING ASSISTANCE IN LATTER CONNECTION. ALSO
MALAWI LOOKING TO DAY, PERHAPS WITHIN COMING YEAR, WHEN
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS CAN BE ESTABLISHED WITH TANZANIA.
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